

1 CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
2 COUNTY OF NEW YORK: JURY 4

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4 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK : DOCKET NO
5 : 2015CN002364
6 : EXCERPT

7 -against- :

8 THABO SEFOLOSHA, :
9 Defendant.

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11 100 Centre Street
12 New York, New York
13 October 7, 2015

14 H O N O R A B L E:

15 ROBERT MANDELBAUM, PRESIDING

16 Criminal Court Judge.

17 A P P E A R A N C E S:

18 FOR THE PEOPLE:

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DEFENSE/DIRECT/SEFOLOSHA

1 Q. Do they just grab you and jump on you?

2 A. Yes, basically.

3 Q. And what do you feel in that moment?

4 MS. BARTOLOMEY: Objection.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 A. So one grab, pushed me and I didn't know what to make
7 of it. At first I didn't even know it was a police officer but
8 quickly I realized. I said, I was just giving this guy some
9 money. He grabbed my arm so I dropped the money.

10 I had one twenty dollar bill in my right hand. I
11 dropped it. I had some more money in my left hand and, as he
12 grabbed me, he said, That's it, you're going to jail. When he
13 tells me this, I don't know exactly the procedure, I turn
14 around to put my right hand behind my back because I, you know,
15 I knew that was the non-confrontational thing to do. So I turn
16 around and put my right hand behind my back.

17 I had my left hand, I had pretty fairly big stack of
18 money, I was trying to put it in my pocket before putting my
19 left hand behind my back. As I'm trying to do this, it's like
20 two, three police officers basically keep pulling me. I'm
21 telling them to relax. I didn't say I wanted to put my money
22 back in my pocket. I said, relax, I'm, you know, relax.

23 Q. That voice with the Swiss, French accent on the video
24 going relax, relax, who is that?

25 MS. BARTOLOMEY: Objection.